

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated June 12, 2008 has been carefully considered. Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10, 11 and 14 are in this application.

The previously submitted claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,651,380 to Ogden. Applicant submits that the teachings of this reference do not teach or suggest the invention defined by the patent claims.

As noted by the Examiner, Ogden teaches either connecting two blowers in series or parallel.

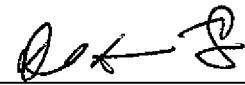
In contrast to the invention defined by the present claims Ogden does not teach or suggest a carpet cleaning system including two blower members being connected in parallel in combination with a third blower member being configured in series. As noted in the Declaration of Alex Martynovych submitted herewith, the invention defined by the present claims produces unexpected improved results of increasing air flow and water lift. There is no teaching or suggestion in Ogden of a combination of pumps in both parallel and series. Rather, as noted by the Examiner, Ogden teaches two pumps in either parallel or series. If a third blower was added to either the parallel or series configuration of Ogden there would be no improvement of both water lift and air flow in the Ogden system. Applicant has unexpectedly found that improved water lift and air flow can be achieved by adding two blowers in parallel and only one blower in series. There is no teaching or suggestion of this arrangement in Ogden. As noted in the Declaration of Alex Martynovych, the cleaning system of the present invention can be used in industrial cleaning to clean a large area up to 800 feet. In contrast, the tested system as disclosed in Ogden could be used to clean an area of only a 50 foot diameter. Ogden teaches that the blower motors are connected either in parallel or series. Applicant submits that when two vacuum blowers are connected in parallel they double their air flow. However, the water lift remains the power of the vacuum blower. On the other hand, when vacuum blowers are connected in series they increase the water lift. However, the air flow is the power of one vacuum blower. There is no teaching or suggestion in Ogden of the combination of a third blower being coupled in series with a first and second blower being coupled in parallel and the

advantages of this combination. Accordingly, the invention defined by the present claims is not obvious in view of Ogden.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he believe that this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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